

# THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

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## BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD.

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### BOY EIGHTEEN HOLDS REVIVAL

SHORT CREEK, Va.—We have just closed a revival at Monarat, Va. We surely did have the Lord with us there. The meeting started on the 28th of March and closed April 17th. There were ten saved, seven sanctified, four baptized with the Holy Ghost, four added to the church and the saints were encouraged. It was the first meeting that I ever had charge of. I am eighteen years of age. The Lord called me to preach when I was seventeen. He is the rock of my salvation and I am determined to go all the way with Him.

We will have baptizing the second Sunday in May if the Lord is willing. It was wonderful how the waves of glory rolled. One woman was healed instantly of a severe pain in her side and one man was healed of tonsillitis when he couldn't drink water. We had our state overseer, Brother Jernigan, with us two nights and he surely did give out the Word in its purity. Everybody pray for me that the Lord will give me utterance to speak His Word.—E. Frazier.

### TRY ME AND SEE

If you at first don't succeed try, try again

F. J. Lee.

A certain State Overseer notifies me that two ministers in his state have sent in their credentials rather than keep their covenant made with the Presbytery when they promised to pay tithes if they would give them credentials. I remember reading about where David renewed his vows to God after Satan had been turned loose on him, he lamented and said the sorrows of death got hold on him, also the pangs of hell tormented him, he found trouble and sorrow, even his bones were vexed. Then after fully realizing his condition he said "I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people." David seemed to realize that the people knew that he had not paid his vows. He also seemed to realize that he was having his terrible trouble all because he was not keeping his vows.

When I returned from Nassau I brought back some mission money also tithes, and some for the orphanage. I was greatly surprised to see those precious people showing themselves so willing to pay tithes, even helping in missions and other departments. I need not have been surprised, since these people are on fire for God. If they had been cold and indifferent they would of course been indifferent in paying tithes. These people be-

### We See The Scriptures Being Fulfilled

MARIETTA, Ohio.—We started a meeting here March 21, 1927. The good Lord surely did bless, the saints danced, shouted and talked in tongues. One was saved, two sanctified and two received the Holy Ghost. I want to say that there are some good saints here and they love to hear the Word preached. Brother Nicely, the pastor, is a man of great zeal for God and His church and seems to be a real shepherd of the flock. We closed the meeting here on April 2nd.

The writer is now at Archers Fork, Ohio and will start a revival April 4th. This church is out in the mountains where the trees are putting forth their buds and the pretty grass as it begins to grow and the little birds singing, the streams of water rushing down the mountain and everything seems to be telling us that summer is coming. How much the aged time of mankind is like the little buds. As we see these things and know summer is near just so we see the scriptures being fulfilled every day. We know the coming of the Lord is drawing near.—Pearl Moss.

### VICTORY WON

ELDORADO, Ill.—We have just closed a revival here. Brother J. R. Thomas, our pastor and George Farmer were in charge. We are glad to report that the Word was preached without fear. We gained the victory over the "old boy" and many souls prayed through. The altar was almost full every night. The power of darkness would move back and God would bless in a wonderful way. About fifteen were saved, ten sanctified four received the Holy Ghost and three came into the church. We are proud of our brothers and sisters that have lined up with us against sin. We thank God for our pastor for he surely preaches the Word in its fullness. We are glad that we feel a strong cord of love in the church here from heart to heart. We mean to stand true to the church and its teaching. Pray for us.—J. E. Curry, 1513 Reid St.

### Yazoo City Stirred

YAZOO CITY, Miss.—Dear Evangel readers, Brother J. B. Cole and myself are in a meeting here at Yazoo City. The meet-

lieve and practice that which Jesus told the Jews that they should do as spoken in Matthew 23:23. They keep the financial side along with the spiritual side.

We have just received a check from H. B. Roberts treasure of the church at Green Turtle Cay,

### AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF THE PASTOR

J. S. Llewellyn, Editor and Publisher.

The revolt from priestly oppression as manifested in the hierarchical and some other communions has had a tendency to create a degree of independence in Christians not of those bodies which border on anarchy. The fact of pastoral authority is found in the New Testament. "And we beseech you brethren, to know them which labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you." 1 Thes. 5:12. "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine." 1 Tim. 5:17. "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves; for they watch for your souls as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy and not with grief." Heb. 13:17. The ruling functions of elders applies to a special pastor who has a special measure of the elder's responsibility. Authority must be given and so recognized in an equal measure with responsibility. If elders get their responsibility from God and from the congregation and officials responsible for their selection then the conferring of a corresponding degree of authority is implied. Pastors should be esteemed very highly, not merely according to their personal merits, but for their works' sake and because of the responsible position to which they have been selected, thus respecting and maintaining the dignity of the sacred position that he occupies.

Having received the double authority from God and the church he thereby becomes the chief authority and overseer of all the activities of the church. As the rule of Christ over men is not of the driving, compelling kind, but rather a rule by love, so must the fundamental rule of the pastor be. He must not arrogate to himself anything like priestly lordship over God's heritage, but be an ensample to his flock. Clerical despotism is not in harmony with the Spirit of the "Chief

ing started Sunday morning and on Tuesday the 19th there were ten in the altar praying and crying to God. The house is crowded and God is blessing. Pray for us.—L. E. Tharp

Bahamas, for \$81.03. Hurrah for the Church of God at Green Turtle Cay, and may the Lord bless them and keep the hurricanes away. The Lord says "try me." For trying and putting Him to a test He has promised to bless us in special ways. Suppose all the Churches in America try this.

Shepherd." The greatest ruling power should be to influence God's people. There is nothing that gives the pastor so much influence as unreserved and deep consecration to the work of the Lord and the work of the church. This influence is the highest type of ruling power. Sweet fellowship is stronger than force; genuine love is better than law.

The pastor is the executive head of an influential and important organization. He is to be considered the ex officio member of all business boards or committees. He is the director of the public worship; he is to preside at all business conferences. He is the chief instrument through which the Spirit works directing the devotional services. He is sometimes held responsible for the song service and is also the shepherd and teacher of His church. His constant concern is to guide, care for and instruct His flock. His business is not to prepare beautiful essays or sermonettes, cut and dried, dipped and dyed, but rather to point to the way of life, to warn them of the pitfalls of Satan. It is his duty to feed the flock and not shear them; tenderly care for the little lambs and not beat and bruise them.

#### Cooperation with the Pastor.

The pastor in a sense is the servant of the church. Yet the membership should not merely regard him as this only, but should cooperate with him in everything possible to advance the interest of the church. All should attend the public services as regularly as possible and do their part in what is assigned to them. A member should be very careful about speaking hurtful criticisms of the pastor. To destroy the esteem of the people for him is to destroy his usefulness among them and thus impend the progress of the church. Rather they should seek to increase the esteem of others for his work's sake. A pastor meets many discouragements. Words of sympathy and appreciation of his service are very proper. The earnest prayers of the church and words of commendation will enable him to render better service for the Lord and His church.

The church is responsible, to the best of its ability, to give the pastor competent financial support. (Continued on page 2)

#### THE CHURCH OF GOD

Bun E. Hicks. I wish to write on a subject today, Of vital importance to them on the narrow way. It is the Church of God in which we live; For which our dear Saviour His life did give.

### Some Have Fallen But Some are Standing True

SESSER, Ill.—With a heart full of God's love this morning, I want to sound a note of praise for my great Redeemer who has brought me out of darkness into this wonderful light. I am glad to report that I am still saved, sanctified and filled with the sweet and precious Holy Ghost. I thank Him for ever sending a bunch of His children to this town with the good news of salvation. Many souls received it while many rejected. Some have fallen by the wayside while others are standing four square for God.

We have a fine Sunday School with good attendance despite the bad weather and muddy streets. On Easter Sunday our dear Sister Dame brought us a message of Jesus and His crucifixion and agony for the sins of the world. It made our hearts sad for it was so real. On Sunday night we had a short but lovely program in honor of our risen King. Our Pastor, Brother Bixler brought a wonderful message of the resurrection of the Lord. It filled our hearts with joy. How wonderful of our Jesus to be so long suffering toward us; so obedient to God; so prayerful for us; to be taken out of the world even as He was. We should never be discouraged with Jesus so near.

Pray for this place that God will send a shower of blessings on the hungry hearts that are here and who are realizing the time is close at hand when we will say farewell to this world.—Gertrude Loker.

He came to this world and His life did spend, To redeem us, for Him the Father did send, So we could walk the narrow way, And be able to stand in the last great day

So in the Church of God we ought to stay, And all its teachings obey, That we may live with our Saviour on high, And His glory enjoy in the sweet by and by.

So then while He does bless our lives, We should to Him pay our tithes, For in the Word of God we do read, That these He hath ordained for the preachers' need.

This is not all that we can do, But it is a commandment with a promise true, That if we will obey and do our part, He will to us His blessings impart.

While we live here in this world below, With its sorrows, troubles and its woe, I am sure that we want to stand the test, So let us obey the Word of God and do our best.

That the Church of God so noble and grand, As she goes marching through this land; May have a multitude of people so pure and white, That their faces will shine with glory bright.

That the people here below, Who see us will know, That we have obeyed our Father's command, And are sure to dwell on Heaven's promised land.

Then when we reach Heaven above, Where all is unity and love; We will be able to praise the Lord Because we have kept His Word with one accord.

### ARE WE ENTERING THE TRIBULATION?

THOUGH THE WATERS ROAR, HE WILL NOT FORSAKE

F. J. Lee, General Overseer

There shall be signs... in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring.—Luke 21:25.

What soever the Lord pleased, that he did in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places.

He causeth the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth, he maketh lightnings for the rain; he bringeth the wind out of his treasures.—Psa. 135:6, 7.

He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, and the waters to flow. Psa. 147:18.

At the beginning of 1926 I read the report of the astrologers also at the beginning of 1927, they stated that there would be during this year many storms, hurricanes, tornadoes etc. causing a mighty commotion in the ocean and waters in general. Where did they get the sign that their reports would come true? Answer, From the sun, moon and stars (planets).

Some may have a prejudice against an astrologer, but astrology is allied to astronomy. The real meaning of the term is "Science of the stars." There is no doubt that there is something to this science. Astronomers can tell many months ahead to a second when an eclipse will take place. This science dates to a very early period, for we read of two Chinese astronomers, Ho and Hi who were put to death for failing to announce a solar eclipse which took place B. C. 2169. There is no doubt that they can forecast storms, hurricanes etc. Naturally the wind storms cause the water to flow. It is not just a happen so, but there is a first cause, and this first cause is revealed in the above verse. "He causeth his wind to blow, and the waters to flow." He begins to prepare it in the heavens above, and wise men see the sign before it comes to pass. (Continued on page 2)

### SPECIAL NOTICE

We have several of the booklets concerning the court affair. Many of the ministers have read it and pronounce it a wonderful document.

If any minister or member of the Church of God desires one of these valuable booklets you may have it for five cents to pay for mailing. Place your order at once.—F. J. Lee.



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## EDITORIALS

## EVANGELIST

I am authorized to announce through the columns of the Evangel that E. L. Simmons of Miami, Fla. is returning to this city and will enter evangelistic work; will be open for calls from any church desiring his services. Address him at Cleveland, Tenn.

Brother Simmons has served the church heretofore as pastor, evangelist and overseer of West Virginia and Tennessee. He is a very able minister.

## MIAMI, FLA.

D. R. Moreland, a very successful evangelist of almost national reputation, is now engaged in an evangelistic campaign in the magic city of Miami. The services are being conducted in the new Church of God tabernacle, corner of 9th Ave. and 30th St., which is very commodious and of beautiful design. There are a number of faithful saints in Miami who have sacrificed in many ways in order to make possible this beautiful temple of worship.

## EARNEST PRAYER

Dear reader have you thought to take on your heart "earnest prayer," the interest of the Orphanage and Children's Home, the missionaries in foreign lands and the peace and prosperity of the church in the homeland? If not, will you do so? The need is great, the harvest is white and the laborers are few. A real old time revival is needed most everywhere. Let every saint earnestly pray, ask God what He would have you do and "Whatsoever He sayeth unto you do, do it."

## Looking For Great Things at Shrewsbury

SHEWSBURY, W. Va.—I praise the Lord for the way He is blessing at Shrewsbury. Our pastor, Brother Meade, started a few days meeting here and then Brother Walker continued it for three weeks. There were three saved, four sanctified four received the Holy Ghost and four baptized in water. I have stood through many persecutions and still feel the fire burning in my heart. We are looking for God to do great things here this year. Some might ask why. Because Satan is stirred and I believe the Lord has sent us a real man of God to pastor and where there is much prayer,

## NOTICES -- AND -- SPECIALS

The Calhoun District meeting will be held the second Saturday and Sunday in May. All day meeting Sunday. Brother J. W. Culpepper, State Overseer, in charge. Everyone is urged to be present. Come and let us feast on the good things of God. Would be glad for every minister to be present. Pray for the meeting.—Callie Jackson Nix, Clerk.

The Church of God at Hurricane, Ala. would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following members: Sarah Gill, Versie Ford, Reba Luerett, Adie Fordham, Blake Price, Mary Cain, Mary Fordham, Dessie White, Epsie Price, S. I. Denson, Dovia Denson and J. B. Singleton.—H. B. Magee, Pastor.

To all whom it may concern: This is to notify you that my address is now Box 544, Big Timber, Mont. I also want to say that there are plenty of people in this state who haven't heard the Gospel and if someone who is led by the Spirit hears our cry, "Come over and help us," you'd better come. But don't come expecting to get rich quick for we don't need that kind of preachers here, or anywhere else. You must be real gopher wood (Church of God) material. If interested let us hear from you.—M. L. Lowe.

There will be an all day meeting at Straight Creek on the fourth Sunday in May. Brother G. D. Jones and Brother Morgan are to be with us on that day. All the churches near are invited to attend. Bring your song books and come prepared to spend the day. Dinner will be served on the ground. COME! —H. M. Nance, Pastor, Chavies, Ala. R. 2.

An arbor meeting will begin at Whiteside, Tenn. the second Sunday in May. Would be glad for anyone who can to come and help us. Mrs. Ellen Crunkilton will be in charge. Everybody welcome.—Mrs. May Basham, Clerk, Whiteside, Tenn.

We are going to have an all day meeting and memorial service on Home Coming Day at

Crumleys Chapel, Heflin, Ala. the second Sunday in May. There will be dinner on the ground for all. We are expecting our State Overseer to be with us. Everybody is invited. Come and be with us. We will take the Lord's Supper and wash the saints feet that night. Pray that we will have a good time with the Lord.—H. B. Magee, Pastor.

The Church of God at Greenville, S. C. is progressing nicely. I certainly do enjoy being the pastor of these good people. There is peace and harmony among all the members. I have never found a church so easy to pastor. We are looking for a feast of good things just ahead. It will begin with a singing school which opens May 2, 1927 and closes May 19th. We expect to have a well trained choir for the State Assembly which begins the 20th. Brother Lee of Cleveland, Tenn. will be with us through the assembly. Those who met him last year will remember the inspiring messages and come again. Evan Ellis the former pastor, is expected to be here also. We hope to have other visiting friends from Georgia and North Carolina. The convention will be followed by a revival to continue indefinitely.

Prof. Sisk of Toccoa, Ga., will teach the singing school and remain over during the assembly to direct the music. You never tire of hearing him sing. He is the youngest publisher of Gospel songs in the south being only nineteen years of age. He is a noted soloist and evangelistic singer and a specialist in normal music school teaching. He charms you with his musical voice.

We are expecting the largest delegation that we have ever had from the state. The entertainment committee is on their job now securing homes and beds for the visitors. Our State Overseer, Brother Rainey, and others will arrange a program which will be published in the Evangel. Brother Rainey is a fine Christian gentleman and a good state overseer. Don't forget to visit us during this protracted effort in God's service. —J. B. Ellis.

## CAMP MEETINGS

## SOUTH FLORIDA CAMP MEETING

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Boaz, Alabama

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Weatherford, Texas

NOTE—Others who are planning their camp meeting would do well to send in their announcement at once.

great good is accomplished in the Lord.—C. S. Papton.

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## ARE WE ENTERING THE TRIBULATION?

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While in West Frankfort, Ill., I saw the effect of a mighty hurricane. I stood in the wake of that hurricane and with a feeling of awe I said, what a mighty and all-powerful God is He with whom we have to deal.

While at Nassau I saw the effects of the mighty hurricane that rose from the ocean. They told me that it was something serious. It makes me think of the statement in Jonah 1:4. **The Lord sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken.** Again I will say does the Lord have anything to do with the storms, hurricanes and floods? We find in Job 28:10, 11. **He cutteth out rivers among the rocks; and his eye seeth every precious thing.**

**He bindeth the floods from overflowing; and the thing that is hid bringeth he forth to light.** But sometimes he lets the flood break over. Does He turn away and just let it go? No, He jumps right in the centre of the flood and rides, doubtless for a protection to his saints. Listen, **The Lord sitteth upon the flood: yea the Lord sitteth king forever.**—Ps. 29:10.

It was marvelous how God protected his true saints during the hurricane at West Frankfort, many of them praised God and talked in tongues while it was going on. Also at Miami while the ocean was roaring and the waves were running out over the city and the wind was carrying away hundreds of buildings and killing hundreds of people, the saints of God were wonderfully protected, doubtless God rode right up beside His saints and shielded them.

A remarkable incident was related to me. A certain man took his family up-stairs but the water kept rising, then he took them out on the roof, the water kept rising till it reached them on the comb of the house, while they were patiently waiting, a small boat came floating up to them and stopped, they entered and were safe. Was this a happen so. No the One who rides the flood brought this boat to this family.

Many ships were broken in that mighty hurricane. I saw very large ocean ships out on dry land. In deed it was a terrible affair. Thousands prayed and made resolutions, but I am sure from general observation many have forgotten.

Some may try to console themselves that we are so far from the ocean that we need not fear. My brother, God does not necessarily need an ocean to ride upon, he rides upon the floods at any place. At Psalm 93. The Psalmist starts out by saying, **The Lord reigneth. He acknowledges God the master of every situation, then he comes to the thought that made him acknowledge the Lord's rule over the earth, he says, "The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves." The voice here is the roaring of the waters. Now see Psalm 46:2, 3, 4. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. There is a river, the streams whereof make glad.**

SILVER POINT, Tenn.—We have a church at this place with a membership of thirty-three. We have a very good Sunday School and also have prayer meeting every Saturday night and Sunday night. We have a pastor this year and have a house to worship in but the devil is giving us some trouble. On the fourth Sunday night in March they threw rocks on the house until we just had to dismiss service for the house is covered with iron roofing. Pray for us that we may be overcomers.—B. H. Womack.

We see that the Psalmist is contrasting two rivers one by its floods that is making people sad and the other by its streams are making glad. We find in Psalm 65:19, that this river is called the "river of God."

If it were not for the river of God flowing side by side with the mighty torrent of the Mississippi what would His saints do? The papers state that there are two hundred thousand at present, homeless. Just think for a moment hundreds owned real nice homes, but they are gone.

It is said that a certain very dark river made so by running over mineral lands, empties into the St. Lawrence which is a beautiful clear stream, the two run together toward the ocean, but do not mix, they run side by side. There is seen a white foam between the two rivers which shows a real conflict as though the black river was trying to overcome the clear river but finally as they near the ocean the mineral elements sink and there is one grand stream to enter the boundless ocean.

Oh dear ones we shall have many trials and you need not expect that times shall get any better. The rivers and floods of despair will try to swallow you up, but let us lean heavily to the river of God. Some day the foam, splash and mud shall disappear then we, shall float out into eternity to ever be with the Lord to enjoy the bliss of the glory land for ever more where hurricanes and floods can never come.

Dear saints scattered abroad let us continually lift our voices to God in prayer for the people of the flood stricken districts. The office force is holding them up in prayer each day at 8:30 a. m. It would be well for the entire Church of God to pray for the people who are suffering because of this great calamity.

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port in order that he may be free from worldly cares. A minister can't do his best as a pastor if he must engage in secular work for the support of himself and family. Neither should his support be given in a "hit and miss," or at irregular times. The church, or those having such matters in charge, should fix the amount necessary for a generous support and hold itself obligated by every Christian honor for the payment of the amount regularly and at the time it is supposed to be paid; to fail to do so is unjust to him and to the church. To neglect this is calculated to bring unnecessary embarrassment to the pastor and dishonor to the church. Every member should tithe their net income and pay it into the church treasury and thus become the happy recipient of the uncontainable blessing awaiting those who will thus obey. The treasurer should pay the pastor the agreed amount and if there is any surplus it should be retained for the support of other ministerial help or until such time as the income may not be sufficient to pay the pastor. Such times come in most every local church due to some of the membership being temporarily out of employment. The treasurer should be diligent and not slothful in business, make his disbursements properly and regularly according to the agreement and accepted government of the church, sending the tithes of tithes to the General Treasurer at headquarters, paying the pastor his portion, the state overseer his portion and every other duty assigned to him, then be fervent in spirit serving the Lord.

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Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Matt. 16:18. Some think the church is invisible but may God help us to see the truth.

Six days after Jesus told the disciples about building His church on a certain rock, Peter, James and John were with Him on a high mountain and He was transfigured and talked with Moses and Elias. Peter no doubt had the thoughts of the church in his mind when he said to Jesus, "Lord it is good for us to be here, if thou wilt let us make here three tabernacles; one for Thee, one for Moses and one for Elias." While he yet spake behold a bright cloud overshadowed them and a voice out of the cloud which said, This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him. Matt. 17:4, 5. "And other sheep I have which are not of this fold: them also I must bring and they shall hear my voice and there shall be one fold and one shepherd." John 10:16. "But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were afar off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For He is our peace who hath made both one and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; having abolished in His flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; and that He might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross having slain the enmity thereby; and came and preached peace to you which were afar off and to them that were nigh." Jesus taught oneness.

While Jesus' words about His church and the voice speaking out of the cloud were yet fresh in the disciples' minds, Jesus said some other things; "And if he shall neglect to hear them tell it unto the church; but if he neglect to hear the church let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican. Matt. 18:17. That should be enough to convince those who say the church is an invisible institution. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ; according as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself according to the good pleasure of His will. Eph. 1:3, 5. That in the dispensation of the fullness of times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in Heaven and which are on earth; even in Him. Eph. 1:9, 10. We see that even before the foundation of the world we were chosen in Christ Jesus that we might be adopted into the family of God and be a holy people and that in the fullness of times we might be gathered together INTO ONE.

But ye are come unto Mt. Sion and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels. To the general assembly and church of the firstborn which are written in Heaven and to God the judge of all and to the spirits of just men made perfect. Heb. 12:22, 23. We should all realize that when we enter the church we are walking on holy ground. No doubt if more of us could realize this

we would exceedingly fear and quake as Moses did on the mount. That is where the angels meet with the earthly beings to worship God. That is where God meets with us and this is the place Paul refers to as heavenly places in Christ Jesus. "And that He might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross; having slain the enmity thereby: For through Him we both have access by one spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners but fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets; Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone, in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord; in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit. Eph. 2nd chapter. For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ of whom the whole FAMILY in Heaven and earth is named. Eph. 3:14, 15.

There are some people who claim that they are born into the church but if the church is to be the bride and Christ is to be the bridegroom, how can that be? The bride always gets into the husband's household by being legally joined to the husband in marriage. In the beginning the Lord added unto the church daily such as should be saved but nothing is said about any being born into the church. We are legally joined to Christ and who can separate us from Him? "Husbands love your wives even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it that He might present it to himself a glorious church not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself for no man has ever yet hated his own flesh but nourisheth and cherisheth it even as the Lord the church: For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother and shall be joined unto his wife and they two shall be one flesh This is a great mystery but I speak concerning Christ and the church." Eph. 5th chapter. John in the second epistle calls the church the elect LADY and says he loves her and all they that have known the truth. He also says, whosoever transgresseth and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you and bring not this doctrine receive him not into your house neither bid him God's speed for he that biddeth him God's speed is partaker of his evil deeds. Now we are surely built on the right foundation because we have the same doctrine that Jesus taught and that the apostles followed. We may not be perfect but we are striving that way and God hath put all things under His feet and hath given His son to be the head over all things in the church which is His body, the fullness of Him that filleth all in all. He will surely supply prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ till we all come in the unity of the faith. Now to all the saints of God everywhere I say it is time to pray.

### NOTICE

Let us not forget the Bible School. While the students have dispersed, some to their homes

## Reports Victory At Christopher

CHRISTOPHER, Ky. — On Friday night Feb. 25, the saints assembled for the district meeting which took place at Christopher, Ky. with state overseer, G. A. Fore and J. A. Muncy district overseer present. Brothers and sisters from many churches throughout the state were there. After songs and prayer the forty-sixth Psalm was read by state overseer, after which he delivered a wonderful discourse, the saints were made to shout and talk in tongues under the mighty power of God. After that George Tackett gave a short talk from twenty-third Psalm. The services were then given way to the state overseer, who made an altar call in which several came forward for prayer. Dismissal at 9:00 p. m.

Saturday morning Feb. 26, the saints gathered in for morning service. Called to order by R. H. Bell, moderator and after songs and prayer, Scott McQuinn took the pulpit and delivered a splendid discourse on the subject, The Christian Lamp, after this James Dixon came forward and delivered a message on the subject, The Sin of Looking Back, taking for his text Psalms 78:1-5. He delivered a wonderful message. Next, song by all. Bro. Jess Mooney talked on, Laying Aside Every Weight. He gave a fine talk. Next, song, dismissed.

Saturday evening — assembled at 1:30, song, Come and Dine, music by string band, conducted by J. A. Muncy and James Dixon, next prayer by John Newton, another song by all, sermon by J. A. Muncy, subject, Secret of Successful Ministry, text Col. 4:17. Dismissal.

Saturday night — house called to order by moderator. Song, When Our Lord Shall Come Again, offering taken, something over seventeen dollars collected. Prayer of thanks to the Lord, by J. A. Muncy, next several came up for the healing of their body and a special prayer followed for them. Song by R. H. Bell. Brother John Newton conducted testimony service. Several bright testimonies were given and many were blessed. Dismissed.

Sunday morning — Song, offering for orphans, prayer. John and Ivia Rose, Melvin Cox, John Newton and some others gave talks on the need of Sunday School. Song, G. A. Fore came forward and delivered a wonderful sermon, lesson John 15, theme, Vine and Branches. The Word was handed out with power, the Lord did not fail to bless the saints. They were made to leap for joy, two interpretations were given. Dismissal followed at 12:15 a. m.

Sunday night — Songs and prayer. S. A. Wilson delivered a fine sermon, theme, Mutual Christian Duty. He gave some very helpful thoughts, next J. A. Muncy delivered his message, His Own Choices. Dismissed. Handshakes and farewells were bidden by many with the zeal to do more than ever for the Lord.

and some into evangelistic and pastoral work, they doubtless are speaking in highest terms of the school. Many expressed themselves that the last term far surpassed any previous one.

We see no reason why that the interest should not increase. Let us expect the next term to far surpass the one just closed.

Anyone interested please correspond with me. I will keep up the correspondence until the teacher for next term is selected.—F. J. Lee.

# REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE FLOOD STRICKEN PEOPLE

## HEALED OF LUNG TROUBLE

LOGAN, W. Va.—I remember one writer said it was better to obey than sacrifice. I feel that the Spirit is prompting me to write a testimony to the Evangel for the healing of my lungs. About fifteen months ago the dear Lord healed me of a severe case of lung trouble. I told Him I would testify to it thru the paper. I have been healed and am not one bit afraid of ever dying with lung trouble. I have stomach trouble and when I ask God to heal me it seems the Spirit says, "You haven't kept your promise," so I am made to realize that the writer has actually learned by experience that it is better to obey than sacrifice.

I have just received a handkerchief from L. G. Rouse for the healing of the above mentioned disease and am expecting the work to be done. All pray for me that I may be an overcomer and of a service to the cause.—Wallace J. Blair.

ELECTRA, Tex.—Sister Malie Wilson, wife and I are holding a meeting at Navarro, Tex. The meeting has been running one week and twenty-one have been saved, seven sanctified, five received the Holy Ghost and a number have been healed. This is a new oil field and there are lots of hungry hearts here; lots of conviction. There were about fourteen in the altar last night. Pray for us. W. M. Kile.

## I KNOW HE COMES TO MY RESCUE

PINE MOUNT, Fla.—O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good, for His mercy endureth for ever. Psalm 107:1.

Verse 15 says, Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness and for His wonderful works to the children of men. Praise him for ever more.

This afternoon I ate some food which caused me to feel distressful. I thought for a moment I was going to have trouble but I thought of my doctor, namely, Jesus Christ. I called unto Him and He heard me. My bad feeling left me and I feel as well as I usually do. I suffer often from indigestion but Jesus sees my distress and though I am not healed completely I know He comes to my rescue, He knows best always.

Oh to be in that beautiful rapture which is surely coming soon. I know He is coming for He said I go to prepare a place for you that where I am there ye may be also.

I want to also praise Him for healing my feet. They were so sore last year in December until I could hardly walk at times. He healed me and today I walk without pain.

I am anxious to see Jesus and I want to be baptized in His sweet name before I cross over the tide. Jesus is wonderful, the Son of God that died for us that we might be saved. One can get

a blessing by reading Psalm 104. Bless the Lord oh my soul, the God of Jacob is truly great and exceedingly wonderful, He is the same today and forever. It is a great privilege to praise God. I was once a vile sinner going to hell just as the days went by. I was one day near the pit. I got under conviction and just had to do something. I saw plainly that I had to do or die. I was sick and I was sinful and often I pledged myself to serve Him. Soon I found relief, I had a pile of sins to get rid of, I had wronged some individuals and by His great help and faith in Him I have confessed a great many of them and if it was in my power to see the others in person I would see that they knew about it. By His dear help and love tomorrow I shall empty out three more faults to individual parties. Soon if the Lord wills I shall have done all my confessing and never intend to turn back.

All who read this pray for me that I will be healed and be able to do more for Jesus also that I will keep in the center of His will. I will appreciate letters from all who love God and especially those who have had to confess to individuals and those who have been wonderfully healed of diseases.—Etha Mills.

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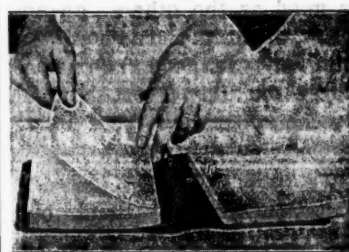
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## OBITUARIES

### MORRIS

On Sept. 28, 1926, the death angel saw fit to visit the home of Brother E. A. Morris and claimed his dear wife, Sara Jane Morris, age fifty-seven years. She was saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost and a member of the Church of God, which she greatly enjoyed. We don't know why Sister Morris had to suffer so much but we know she did it with joy as unto the Lord. For more than two years she was a great sufferer, though she was never heard to murmur or complain at her lot, but was always looking ahead to the happy time when she would be ushered into the presence of her Lord and Savior. Oh how we do miss her but we weep not as those who have no hope for we expect to meet her over on the other shore some glad morn if we live as she did.

Funeral service was conducted by Brother S. W. Kerce and the remains laid to rest in Old Newmansville Cemetery to await the resurrection morn. We, the church, extend our Christian love and sympathy to the bereaved husband.—Mrs. Bessie Cain.

### FOWLER

On November 14, 1926, the death angel visited the home of Mr. C. M. Fowler and called his mother from this life at the age of ninety-two years, six months and twenty-seven days.

Jas. B. Fowler was born in Union County, S. C. on Feb. 23, 1829. Dicey G. Hyde was born in Pickens County, S. C. on April 18, 1834. They were married in the year 1852. To this union was born two sons and two daughters. Their oldest daughter departed this life at the age of seven years. One of the sons departed this life in 1921. She leaves to mourn her death, one son, C. M. Fowler, one daughter, Lizzie Cochran, twenty-three grand children, thirty-six great grand children and three great, great grand children.

The funeral was held at the church and was conducted by Ben Legg, and others. The body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Ryo, Ga.

She was a lover of the Lord. I have sat and read the Bible to her and she enjoyed having it read as well as anyone I ever saw. She is gone from us but our loss is Heaven's gain. God giveth and He taketh. Her grandson.—Orion Cochran, Etowah, Tenn. Box 536.

### MOSS

Gilbert Lee Moss, son of William and Ida Rutter Moss, was born in Ross County, Ohio, Feb. 10, 1907, and departed this life March 11, 1927, at the age of twenty years, one month, one day. He leaves to mourn his loss a father, mother, three brothers, two sisters, (one brother having preceded him in death,) besides other relatives and friends who will also share in his loss, since he was so near and dear to all who knew him. While he had never become united with any church, yet his suffering which we learn was intense, the same he bore with great patience. When the hand of death came, he was heard to say, I see Jesus. Might we rejoice in His hope in a Savior who can and who doeth all things well.

The funeral was conducted by the writer and body was laid in the Circleville Cemetery to await the resurrection. The bereaved ones have our sympathy.—F. W. Rollins.

Dear Gilbert, you have left us now and it is hard to bear. But may we live that some sweet day, We all shall meet up there.

Dear Gilbert you have gone away, We shall miss you evermore, But we hope some day to meet you Upon yonder golden shore.

A precious one from us has gone, A voice we love is stilled, A place is vacant in our home Which never can be filled.

### PARISH

Rosa Andrews Parish departed this life Feb. 8, 1927. She was born May 10, 1869, married Brother Geo. P. Parish, March 24, 1898. Sister Parish was converted when a girl and lived a Christian in the Baptist Church until about twelve years ago when she was sanctified, baptized with the Holy Ghost and since then she has been a faithful member in the Church of God.

Sister Parish suffered very much but bore her sickness with joy. The nurse at the hospital said she was the happiest patient she had ever nursed.

The church was asked to pray for sister Parish, not for her healing, but for God to have His way. In talking to a school teacher I remarked that Sister Parish had been a mother to my wife. The former said "I want to know who she wasn't good to." In sickness, the town and community have lost the best friend they had. In the church she will be missed financially and furnishing a home for the ministry. She not only paid tithes, but made very liberal freewill offerings.

She leaves to mourn her departure, brothers, sisters, a son and a daughter and her loving companion. We say to Brother Parish you certainly have some one in Heaven beckoning you to come home to live with Jesus. May God comfort and cheer the bereaved. Pray on and some day you will be reunited where pain, death, and sorrow have passed away.—C. S. Swilley.

### PERRY

The death angel visited my sister's home and called from us our dear

## Glad to Report a Wonderful Meeting At Graham

GRAHAM, Ga.—I want to send in a report to the Evangel this a. m. concerning our district meeting at Bridge Ford church, Hazlehurst, Ga. also other revivals around and near Bridge Ford. The revival fire is falling, for which we thank the Lord. Sister Allie Ursrey and I moved here about two months ago, started prayer services every Tuesday night. This is a very wicked place. The enemy told us we could not have a prayer meeting. We began our prayer meetings just the same in the strength of the Lord. Satan has worked real hard, but God has blessed just the same. Our Pastor, Brother J. G. Floyd, came and held services three nights before our district meeting. The Lord blessed wonderfully. Eleven have claimed a pardon from sin, five received the Holy Ghost, speaking in tongues, as a fact they did receive it. We are anxious for Brother Floyd to come and be with us again. One has received the Holy Ghost since the meeting. Our district meeting began on Friday, 8 p. m. following the meeting we have reported.

First, Greetings, song and prayer, sermon by Brother J. W. Culpepper our state overseer, subject, Come and depart. The Lord blessed him in giving out the Word.

Saturday, song, prayer, sermon by Brother G. J. Barfield, report good.

Saturday 1:30 p. m. Song and prayer, business.

Saturday, 7:30 p. m. Song and prayer, testimony service conducted by Brother L. D. Brantley, conviction seized the hearts of people during the testimony service, and an altar call was made, one hundred or more thronged the altar, several went through to victory. The Holy Ghost came as a rushing mighty wind and we have never experienced a more blessed service than this.

Sunday a. m. Song, prayer, sermon by Brother Culpepper, text, Present your body's a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. A wonderful message was given. Next, altar call made.

Sunday afternoon — Sunday Sunday School called off and had talks on Sunday School.

Sunday night 7:00, Songs and prayer, sermon by Brother Culpepper. This service was not as good as the others on account of stormy weather. An altar call was made and one received the Holy Ghost and a few fell under the mighty power of God. Meeting closed.

We want to extend a cordial invitation to all to attend our camp meeting on Thursday before the third Sunday in July continuing until the fourth Sunday, at Bridge Ford.—Mrs. J. E. Ross.

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mother to ever be with Jesus. We miss her here very much but if we stay true and faithful it won't be long until we will meet her again where there will be no more parting but all will be joy.

She was born Feb. 3, 1858, and departed this life Jan. 4, 1927, age sixty-seven years, eleven months and one day. She leaves three sons, one daughter, nineteen grandchildren, three great grand children and a host of friends to mourn her loss.—Her oldest son and only daughter, J. N. Perry and Mrs. Elmer Byrd, Goodwin, Ark. Route 1.

## Greater Experience For You

KANNAPOLIS, N. C.—I want to sound a note of praise to my blessed Redeemer this morning through the Evangel. This is my first attempt to write to the Evangel.

I want to praise God for what I feel in my soul right now. Jesus is all in all to me. He is my guide and healer and has been for nearly four years.

I praise God for the day He turned the light of His eternal truth on my soul and today I am shouting the victory over sin and the devil. When I first heard sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Ghost preached I said I could get to Heaven without that, but the Lord didn't think so, for He kept talking to me each day as I went about my work. I remember very well in 1922 as I stood behind my counter in F. W. Woolworth's store, Clarksville, Tenn., my home town, how God talked to me and I would look up with tears in my eyes and say, Lord what is it? And a voice would seem to say there is a greater experience for you, and I would say, Lord show me what it is.

I did not have to wait long for about January 1923 I received a letter from my aunt wanting me to come to Kannapolis, N. C. I made preparations and came. I little thought at that time I would ever have the Holy Ghost or be in the Church of God. I just thought I would go to the Methodist Church as usual. But when I got here my mind was changed. My uncle was Pastor of the Church of God at this place at that time. The people took so much interest in me and I watched their lives and saw what clean pure lives some were living. I saw at once that was what God was talking to me about. In June I was sanctified through and by the precious blood of Jesus. In August following the Lord sent Brother and Sister McLain of Cleveland, Tenn. to Kannapolis, N. C. to conduct a revival. They arrived on Saturday night and began the meeting Sunday morning.

On Wednesday night when the altar call was given one of the sisters, a special friend of mine, turned to me and said, Della don't you want the Holy Ghost? I did not hesitate but fell in the altar and began to feel God's mighty power, such as I had never felt before. I sought Him until Monday night. Brother and Sister McLain were to leave Tuesday and I could not bear to see them leave and me not have the Holy Ghost. When the altar call was given I went to the altar determined to have the Holy Ghost before I got up. It wasn't long until the Comforter came in singing in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. I am happy in Jesus today. I have been trusting God for both soul and body ever since.

I am glad I can say today I am still saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Although we have many trials and tests, but I am glad God's grace is sufficient to overcome if we will trust in the true and living God.

As I testify many times I cannot do much or say much, but I want my life to be my testimony. I want to live each day of my life so that people can see Jesus in my life. We may give in a flowery testimony and not live the life, we will count nothing when we stand before the judgment bar of God. Neither will we have any influence over sinners. As I am far away from mother, brother, and sister and relatives in the flesh, I am glad

spiritually speaking, I have found many mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters in the Church of God.

I also praise God for sending Brother and Sister Heath to Kannapolis, N. C. I really believe God sent them here.

I thank God for the way He is blessing at this place. Our building is not large enough to accommodate the people on Sunday nights, there are about as many people on the outside as on the inside. The Lord has given us a piano for the church since last Assembly, and we have it about half paid for, I thank God for our string band. With Sister Heath at the piano and the string band, accompanying we have some good music. Sinners are interested and bring their instruments and play with the band.

We have prayer meeting on Wednesday nights at the church, cottage prayer meetings on Friday night, Bible study Saturday nights, six-thirty, preaching following Sunday School at nine forty-five. I am glad to report our Sunday School attendance increasing, a few months ago we had about fifty, now we have about ninety and sometimes more. Our church is hardly large enough to accommodate the Sunday School. I am interested in the Sunday School, I have a class of seventeen bright little boys and girls and we are expecting many more. This is the Beginners Class.

We have young people's meeting at six-thirty Sunday evening. The young people have charge of this meeting. Preaching following at seven-thirty. We are looking forward to a revival to begin about Easter. We have prayer meeting at the church Sunday afternoon at four o'clock, for the success of this revival. I enjoy these services because I love the Church of God, and I am interested in lost souls. My heart is burdened over this sin cursed world and see so many precious boys, and girls, men and women going on in sin and trampling the blood and mercies of Jesus under their feet, it seems as if my heart would break, I want to get the burden of lost souls on my heart more and more because I know the coming of Jesus draweth nigh. I want to have oil in my vessel that day. I want to hold up the standard of the Church of God, and the blood stained banner of Jesus Christ and not let it trail in the dust.

All who read this please pray for the Church of God at Kannapolis, N. C. also pray for me that I may stay humble at the feet of Jesus, always in my place ready to do what so ever the Lord would have me do.—Della Swift.

## GOOD SUNDAY SCHOOL

WILMINGTON, DEL. — Although the devil is raging here we mean to stand for the real thing, the Church of God without spot or wrinkle. With all the oppositions God is blessing us. We have a nice Sunday School and it is increasing in attendance. The Easter service was grand. We had music, singing and restitutions. Easter eggs and cards were given out. We are expecting to have a large Sunday School and are trusting God for greater things. Pray for us.—T. W. Harmon, 824 Madison St.

## ELEVEN ADDED TO THE CHURCH

TAMPA, Fla.—For great victories we are rejoicing and giving God glory and praise; our hearts overflow with thankfulness for His great power in our midst. On March 1st Brother Padgett and his helpers started cottage prayer meetings. These continued for four weeks and God put his seal on every home. The second week Brother Lemons came and opened a Bible School. We had a wonderful time studying the Word and we praise God for what we learned. It is wonderful to follow a study of the Bible and much praying with a revival for God has surely been with us. The church was blessed and the unity and love is so sweet and glorious. Brother Lemons did most of the preaching. The saints were all faithful in attending and in the altar work. Everyone says that this was the most spiritual meeting that we have had in a great while. Conviction seized the people and cries for salvation from three were answered. Some were reclaimed and eight saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Eleven came into the church, sick were healed and God's power was manifested everywhere. We are still on the way! Jesus is the same yesterday today and forever!

On Thursday before Easter Sunday we had the Lord's Supper and feet washing. Easter Sunday was home coming day for the church here and as the day dawned brightly the saints came until the house was filled and we had old time shouts and joy was supreme. We had Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. and a sermon at 11:00 a. m. by Brother I. H. Marks whose subject was, "A pure in heart edifying to all." At 1:00 p. m. dinner was served on long tables under the oaks. There was enough for the great crowd and for more if they had come. At 3:00 p. m. Brother Self, State Overseer, preached a wonderful sermon on "Faithfulness of a faithful ministry." At 7:00 p. m. Brother Lemons preached. The meeting closed on April 24th and indeed we truly feel everything was a great victory and success. We give God all the glory.

Saints let us work and pray, be humble, keep low at the feet of our Lord. Time is so short, the days are getting dark as the time of Jesus' coming draws near. He is coming soon. My prayer is for all to be ready when we hear the cry, "Behold the bridegroom cometh."—Rosa B. Murphy.

## REQUESTS

My wife, Drucilla is sick and I desire the saints to pray for her to be healed. She has something the matter with her hands and feet and is about to lose the use of them. She is trusting God for her health. She belongs to the Church of God and has the Holy Ghost. Please keep praying for her until she is healed.—A. B. Key, Echola, Ky.

Mrs. Ola Young, 1913 Gentilly Rd., New Orleans, La., requests special prayer of all the saints that she will get salvation and that her body will be completely healed. I am personally acquainted with this woman and know that she is really interested in the Church of God and wants salvation. She knows nothing of the church except what we have told her, she has never had the opportunity of attending one of our services, but she realizes that she is lost and needs God. Please pray for her.—Irene Wales, 2524 Gaut St. Cleveland, Tenn.

The dear Lord has saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost. I have many trials and hard ships but He keeps me up by much praying and believing. I am trusting our great King to carry me over it all.

I want you all to pray for my baby to be healed, also my husband is out in sin and I desire your prayers for him. I am praying for God to send something to stop him before it is too late. Last June our darling baby, age twenty-two months was called home and my husband lived better after that for a while but he has turned back again. It might cost my life to save him. I want you to pray for him.

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